Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method comprising:

   sensing the presence of an indicator in a vicinity of an icon having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, wherein said icon and a plurality of additional icons are located within a viewable interface, each of the additional icons having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object;

   rendering a superimposed view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data, the superimposed view rendered in the vicinity of the icon;

   in response to said sensing, identifying a predetermined number of the plurality of additional icons based on the locations within the window of the plurality of additional icons relative to said icon; and

   in response to said identifying, pre-caching thumbnail data ~~associated with~~ only for the identified additional icons ~~responsive to said identifying~~.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original): The method according to claim 2, wherein pre-caching the thumbnail data includes storing the thumbnail data in volatile memory.

Claims 4-8 (canceled).

Claim 9. (currently amended): The method of claim [[8]] 9, wherein the predetermined number of icons is greater than one icon and less than the total number of the plurality of additional icons located within the viewable interface.

Claim 10. (canceled).

Claim 11. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the viewable interface is a window and the superimposed view rendered is rendered within the window.

Claim 12. (currently amended): A method for displaying thumbnail data associated with at least one of a plurality of icons located in a window, each of said plurality of icons having thumbnail data associated therewith, said method comprising:

identifying a predetermined maximum number of icons for which thumbnail data will be pre-cached, said predetermined maximum number being independent of the total number of icons located in the window;

comparing the total number of icons located in the window to the pre-determined maximum number of icons;

pre-caching the thumbnail data for a particular number of the plurality of icons located in the window based on said comparing, wherein said particular number is the pre-determined maximum number when said predetermined maximum number is ~~greater than~~ less than or equal to the total number, and wherein said particular number is the total number when the predetermined maximum number is ~~less~~ greater than ~~or equal to~~ said total number, said thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object; and

displaying the pre-cached thumbnail data associated with one of the plurality of icons when an indicator is hovered substantially over said icon.

Claim 13. (previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein the pre-cached thumbnail data is available for substantially instantaneous rendering at the moment the indicator is hovered substantially over one of the plurality of icons.

Claim 14. (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein the thumbnail data is pre-cached in volatile memory.

Claims 15-19. (canceled).

Claim 20. (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that direct a computing system to:

sense the presence of an indicator in a vicinity of an icon having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object, wherein said icon and a plurality of additional icons are located within a viewable interface, each of the additional icons having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object;

render a superimposed view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data, the superimposed view rendered in the vicinity of the icon;

in response to said sensing, identify a predetermined number of the plurality of additional icons based on the locations within the window of the plurality of additional icons relative to said icon; and

in response to said identifying, pre-cache thumbnail data ~~associated with~~ only for the identified additional icons ~~responsive to said identifying~~.

Claim 21. (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon for displaying thumbnail data associated with at least one of a plurality of icons located in a window, each of said plurality of icons having thumbnail data associated therewith, said instructions directing a computing system to:

identify a predetermined maximum number of icons for which thumbnail data will be pre-cached, said predetermined maximum number being independent of the total number of icons located in the window;

compare the total number of icons located in the window to the pre-determined maximum number of icons;

pre-cache the thumbnail data for a particular number of the plurality of icons located in the window based on said comparing, wherein said particular number is the pre-determined maximum number when said predetermined maximum number is ~~greater than~~ less than or equal to than the total number, and wherein said particular number is the total number when the predetermined maximum number is ~~less~~ greater than ~~or equal to~~ said total number, said thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object; and

display the pre-cached thumbnail data associated with one of the plurality of icons when an indicator is hovered substantially over said icon.

Claim 22. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the icon for which the pre-cached thumbnail data is displayed and the displayed thumbnail data are different.

Claims 23-25. (canceled).